

Health Care Reform Alert: Only in Washington...

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Only in Washington does the concept of "more subsidies" translate to mean "lower deficits," and "higher premiums" means "cheaper insurance." Listen to what some in Washington are selling, and you might start to actually believe that the \$2.5 trillion health care bill pending in Congress will save taxpayers money and not add to our enormous national debt. If you don't look closely at this 2,074-page bill, you might buy the popular pitch that it will bring down your health care costs. In reality, this bill will raise taxes, raise health care costs, make drastic cuts to Medicare, and create trillions of dollars in unfunded mandates that states, taxpayers, and future generations of Americans will be forced to pay.

The President has said his health care reform proposals will "ensure that Medicare is there for future generations." If that's the case, he cannot support the Reid Bill we are debating right now in the Senate. According to the independent and non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, under the pending bill, the already bankrupt Medicare program will be gutted by nearly a half-trillion dollars and millions of seniors will see their Medicare benefits reduced. Similarly, the President made a "solemn pledge" he would lower health care premiums by \$2,500 a year for American families, but the Reid bill currently being debated would not only break that pledge but instead raise premiums for middle class families by \$2,100 a year. I want to hear your thoughts on this debate. Join the dialogue live now on my Facebook or Twitter pages, which I personally monitor and update throughout the day: www.facebook.com/Sen.JohnCornyn or <http://twitter.com/JohnCornyn>.

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